



College of Sciences | Department of Physics and Astronomy

October 31, 2023

Dear Mr. Mario Chapa,

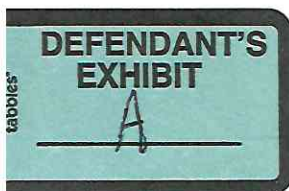
I am delighted to inform you that the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Texas at San Antonio is recommending that you be offered admission into the PhD graduate program beginning in the Spring 2024 semester! Your selection from a pool of outstanding applicants is an indicator of our confidence in your ability to successfully undertake the challenges of this program. This decision is contingent upon final review and approval by the UTSA Graduate School. The UTSA Graduate School will send an official admission offer letter shortly.

Should you accept this offer, you will receive a financial package to include a stipend in the amount of \$27,000.00, tuition and fees, (to be paid directly on your behalf), in the amount of approximately \$12,500.00, and health insurance for up to \$4,400 per year. Together, this represents a total financial package of approximately \$43,900.00 annually. To receive this financial package, you will be appointed either as a Graduate Research Assistant under the supervision of at least one faculty member or a Graduate Teaching Assistant teaching or assisting with up to 2 courses each semester. You will not be required to work more than a quarter time or half time, depending on your appointment. Level of support is based on full-time enrollment in the graduate program and is provided to students without outside employment. Also note that receipt of this award may be taxable and may prevent you from obtaining other sources of financial aid. You should check with the Office of Student Financial Aid <https://onestop.utsa.edu/financialaid/> if you have questions.

Your eligibility for the award for up to 4 years is contingent upon availability of funds. In addition, to remain eligible, you must (1) be enrolled at UTSA for 9 semester hours during the fall and spring semesters and 3 hour during the summer session, (2) maintain a minimum GPA of 3.0 in all coursework, and (3) be in good academic standing with UTSA. This support is provided only for students without outside employment.

We would appreciate a decision from you as soon as possible, so that we may extend offers to other prospective students should you decide not to join us in the Spring. Please inform us of your decision by signing this letter in the space provided below and returning it to belinda.tucker@utsa.edu.

In accordance with the Council of Graduate Schools' (CGS) Resolution, you may consider other offers of financial support until the November 25 deadline, but any decision after November 25 is an obligation that you are expected to honor. Likewise, we will honor this offer until the November 25 deadline, after which point it will/may be rescinded unless you are informed in writing that the deadline for a decision has been extended.



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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Angela Speck". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Angela Speck
Chair, Physics and Astronomy

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jose Lopez-Ribot". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Dr. Jose Lopez-Ribot
Associate Dean for Research, College of Sciences

() I accept () I respectfully decline the offer of admission: _____
Signature Date

() I accept () I respectfully decline the tuition package: _____
Signature Date